

Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/09/2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: ESD 101 on Regal Street and by Zoom.

Attendees	Zoom Attendees	Guests
Summer Beers	Mike Lemberger	Rachel Beal-Gonzaga Leadership Academy
Rita Conner	Kris Neely	
Frank Cejka	Gabby Ryan	
Allen Edwards	Carol Tomsic	
Caryl Heller		
Andy Hoyer		
Lynda McPhee		
Shelley O'Rourke		
Paul Kropp		

Presentations

Rachel Beal – Spokane Neighborhood Leadership Academy

- ❖ A program to develop skills in neighborhood leaders
- ❖ Applications close 11/30/22
- ❖ For more information see www.gonzaga.edu/snla

Gabby Ryan – Southgate Liaison, Office of Neighborhood Services

- ❖ Programs are wrapping up (Traffic Calming and Clean Up) and will resume in March.
- ❖ Kim McCollim has been appointed the new Director of Neighborhood Housing and Human Services.
- ❖ The process for hiring a new director for the Office of Neighborhood Services has started.

Neighborhood Business

Minutes – Allen recommended, and Summer seconded, approval of the minutes for September and October of 2022. **Approved**

Treasurer's Report – Andy Hoyer

- ❖ \$1,048.20 in checking
- ❖ \$3,000 in escrow

Community Assembly Reports – November 3 and December 1 – see notes at the end of minutes

PeTT Committee – Rita Conner

- ❖ There were technical difficulties at the last meeting and the Chair was not present.
- ❖ Discussions will continue to come up with more traffic calming ideas.

Land Use Committee

- ❖ There is a Mr. Carwash sign behind (east) of Maverick gas station. Rita was not able to find out anything. Gabby will look into this for us.
- ❖ The city has turned down a preliminary plan by Chic Filet for 29th and Regal. Lincoln Heights is against this development because it does not fit with its neighborhood plan and it does not meet the criteria for centers and corridors

Hazel's Creek Clean-up – Summer

- ❖ Summer reviews the website comments and there are many complaints about the condition of Hazel's Creek: dead trees, overgrown grass, nesting boxes and poles are down, graffiti and trash.
- ❖ Amber at ONS is going to work with the Storm Water Department to determine what a clean-up plan would look like and how the neighborhoods can be involved.
- ❖ When we have more information we will discuss the interest in Southgate participating.
- ❖ Carol says that Lincoln Heights might also be interested.

Speed Cameras – Carol Tomsic

- ❖ The Speed Camera Program will expand to parks and hospitals and City Council is asking for recommendations for sites.
- ❖ Lincoln Heights neighborhood is going to suggest Lincoln Park, Thornton Murphy Park and Hamblen Park on 37th and thought Southgate would like to submit a joint proposal for Hamblen Park on 37th.

- ❖ Paul asked if there was data such as crash data for the site and Carol does not know but has received complaints from neighbors. Carol will look to see if she has traffic statistics.
- ❖ There is going to be a problem at Crestline and 37th with the new Garden District development.
- ❖ Andy **moved** to authorize Rita to work with Carol (Lincoln Heights) and prepare a joint resolution for a photo red traffic camera at 37th and Hamblen Park. **Seconded** by Kris. **PASSED**.
- ❖ Carol will send the letter to Rita.
- ❖ Andy **moved** authorizing the Executive Committee to write a similar resolution requesting cameras on Havana at Ben Burr and the north side of Sports Complex on 46th. **Seconded** by Kris. **PASSED**.
- ❖ Lincoln Heights is creating a resolution to make Lincoln Park protected land. The Parks Board will rule in December. This will ensure that there will never be a dog park there.

Glenrose Traffic

- ❖ Caryl Heller reports that speeding on Glenrose is a problem and asks if Southgate can take action to help.
- ❖ The county does not have a “traffic calming” program.
- ❖ There will be updated traffic studies on Glenrose as part of construction of the YWCA. The impact of increased traffic to the Y and the new housing development will have significant impact on area traffic.
- ❖ Amber Waldref is a new county commissioner and would probably be interested in hearing from residents.
- ❖ Barry Greene is traffic engineer for that area. As neighbors we could weigh in on problems in the area.

Election of Officers in January

Next meeting – January 11, 7:00 p.m. by zoom and in person at ESD 101

CA Meeting Notes – December 1, 2022 – Zoom

19 Neighborhoods

CA Ad-hoc Strategic Planning Committee is meeting

30 Applicants for the Leadership Academy training for 15 spots

Per CM Cathcart – they are grinding on the budget – still short – will use some ARPA money for overtime, which does not fix a chronic problem. Reserves have been depleted which puts our bond rating at risk. There will be a proposal to balance the budget over two years, not one as current. There will be a mid-year review. There is a proposal to require 3rd-party food delivery services to offer a 15% max surcharge. A new landlord-tenant plan has been drafted – trying to create incentives for the landlords to use the Universal Background Check.

New NHHS Director Kim McCollim spoke – she has much HUD experience, and local experience – oversees ONS, 311 and CHHS. They are interviewing for the ONS Director -may not hire until February.

Paul Kropp urged us to find Liaisons for the DRB and CHHS Board.

The CA/CC meetings will be in March, June, August and December

The last of the Engagement Grant money will buy postcards for distribution by neighborhoods. We are still trying to find a way to get a shared OWL-360 machine to enable some neighborhoods to have hybrid meetings – won't be this year if at all.

CA Meeting November 3 2022 – via Webex

21 neighborhoods present

Spokane NH Leadership Academy Nov 14 = info session...must attend 6 sessions in 2023, dates are 1/28, 2/25, 3/25, 4/29, 5/20, 6/3

2021 – 2022 Comp Plan Amendments going to CC for briefing and discussion on 14th and 21st

New Customer Experience Division Director of CHHS is Kim McCollum. This covers ONS, CHHS, 311 and Code Enforcement. Also, there are \$9M in CDBG funds to be disbursed.

DRB and CHHS CA-Liaison positions still vacant – two queries about DRB

Land Use Committee meets first Wednesday of the month – CA reps or active NC members – Greg Francis is departing.

BSN has refreshed the CA Handbook

Breean Beggs: Apologized for poor CC attendance at the last CA/CC meeting, will be forming a CC subcommittee to address this and a schedule. Budget worries regarding using reserves – CC is grinding on budget...the \$25,000 Engagement Grant money is probably OK.

RE legislative issues, we have been penalized at the state level due to greenhouse gas emission interpretations of waste disposal from the Waste-To-Energy plant.

They are looking for \$ for an American Indian Center. They need to replace/repair a Riverfront Park walking bridge. There is a need to upgrade the Police Training Center – hoping for state money. They may put in many more 20mph photo-red cameras near parks – need feedback from residents by the end of January. There are 3 CC assistant positions posted. Parks Department gets 8% of the general budget. Traffic calming priorities are still under engineering review – will report after January.

Tina Luerssen and Rachelle Strawther re CA Retreat: 15 councils were represented – rotating ONS staff has weakened the relationship with City staff – the facilitators were good. Take-aways: 1) to unify and strengthen the CA as a Team...try for “unanimous advocacy.” 2) Ensure the CA has a seat at all the tables, 3) leverage strength as a passionate and committed voice for the neighborhoods, 4) Enhance the CA presence in the neighborhoods and the community. The topic of the CA facilitator came up – how would we respond if the City did not fund? The CA needs to document successes for the community and neighborhoods...broader social media presence. The CA will try to form a committee to respond to the retreat topics.

Kris Neely – gave a fine slide presentation regarding the Urban Forestry Citizens’ Advisory Committee. The Committee will be producing a tree stewardship guide and arboricultural specifications and standards at the end of January. There are 3 opening on this committee.

A new Administrative Committee has been formed. A postcard mailer will go out to get more participation from dormant neighborhoods, using the rest of the CA Engagement grant money.